

BELIEVERS AS The people of god

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1 PETER 2:8-10 PASTOR PHIL WARD

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SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

I. A STARK CONTRAST BETWEEN BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS (1 PETER 2:8-10)

- A. Unbelievers are destined to stumble over Jesus because of disobedience (1 Peter 2:8)
 - 1. Faith and obedience go hand-in-hand (Hebrews 3:19; 4:6)
 - 2. Unbelievers stumble over Jesus as they were destined to (1Peter 2:8; 1Thessalonians 5:9)
- B. Believers are honored with a new identity as God's people (1 Peter 2:9-10; Exodus 19:5-6)
 - 1. We are a chosen race (1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 1:1)
 - 2. We are a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 2:5)
 - 3. We are a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 1:14-16)
 - 4. We are a people for His own possession (1 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 1:18-19)
 - 5. We are the people of God (1 Peter 2:10; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16; Exodus 6:7; Jeremiah 31:33; Revelation 21:3-4)

II. WE HAVE A GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY AND PURPOSE (1 Peter 2:8-10)

- A. Our identity is given to us from God, and so everything about us ought to be aligned with God **(1 Peter 2:9-10; Galatians 1:10)**
- B. Our purpose is to make the excellencies of God known (1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 5:8; 2:1-5)
 - 1. We make the excellencies of God known in the church **(Psalm 40:9-10)**
 - 2. We make the excellencies of God known in the world (Matthew 28:19-20)

1 PETER 2:8-10

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"A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What is an identity? Why do you think people need a sense of identity?

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2. Peter writes that believers are honored with five descriptions of our Christian identity. Which of the five do you consider to be especially meaningful to you? Why?

3. What does it mean that we were once not a people but now we are the people of God?

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4. How can being a "holy people" shape the way we live in the world?

5. What are some ways you can proclaim the excellencies of God as an individual? What might that look like in a church worship setting?